

Green County Library Board Meeting

Monday, April 23, 2018

5:30 p.m.

Albany Public Library

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:29pm by Trustee Neuenschwander.
2. **Roll call:** Valerie Blum, Anita Huffman, Mike Furgal, Craig Ellefson, Ann Mueller, and Beth Blahut. Also in attendance were library directors Kara Blue of Albany, Suzann Holland of Monroe, Angela Noel of Brodhead, and Lauren White of New Glarus. Mark Ibach from SCLS was also present.
3. **Approve agenda:** Trustee Furgal moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Trustee Huffman. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of minutes from Feb. 26, 2018 meeting:** The minutes of the February 26, 2018 meeting were shared. No motion was necessary, as a quorum was not present.
5. **Introduction of new board members:** New board members were introduced and welcomed.
6. **Public Comment:** None
7. **Board Correspondence:** None
8. **Reports**
 - a. South Central Library System: Adjacent county reimbursements requests were completed. Albany, New Glarus, and Monticello are eligible for TEACH grants, which provide education technology training. The iSchool at UW Madison might customize that training. System strategic planning gets underway in May. There will be a major survey of library staff associated with it. The 3D printer kit is dead. Mark Yokum will be the workforce development LTE for SCLS.
 - b. County library reports:
 - Albany - They are seeing more activity on craft nights. Work has begun on various projects including, digitizing local history, developing a strategic plan, and making small improvements in the children's areas. The adult fiction area has recently been weeded. An Earth Day event was held.
 - Brodhead - The Read to a Dog program is going well. Plans are underway for a coding club, escape rooms, and a summer reading community celebration party. The Friends group is undergoing a reorganization. A program featuring Leah Gilbert and her children's book is upcoming. The library will be closed on May 8 for staff training.
 - New Glarus - They are currently \$160k from the goal for the building project. A \$15k donation from the Bank of New Glarus was received for the project. The board has applied for a grant through Old National Bank. The strategic plan is near completion. New youth programs are going well and preparations are being made for summer reading. The Friends will hold a trivia fundraiser on May 19.

Monroe - Recently had booths at both the Senior Fun Fest and the Stateline Home & Business Expo. The digital collections website is up and available to the public. Recently started accepting credit/debit cards for payment. The Friends have agreed to purchase video equipment for the upcoming digital history project. Homebound delivery continues to grow.

9. Continuing/new business

- a. Distribute bylaws: The bylaws were distributed
- b. Annual meeting/election of officers: The annual meeting is in June. Officers will be elected at that time.
- c. SCLS alternate: Trustee Mueller was asked to serve as the alternate.
- d. Continuation - What do we want to be? What can we do to help county librarians? Those present felt that advocacy was an important role. It was also discussed that it is important for the board to have a presence at the county finance committee meeting to mention that other libraries reimburse at a higher rate. Trustee Ellefson offered to work on a presentation. Discussion was held on the potential of a mixer of all library boards in the county. An update on the search for a library director for Monticello was also discussed.

10. Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 25, 2018, in Belleville.

11. Adjourn: Trustee Huffman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm. Trustee Ellefson seconded the motion. Motion carried.